

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether we can expect high school classes by the beginning of the next year at least?

President.—No time limit can be fixed.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Was not an assurance given in the Vrischigam session of 1104 to the effect that, if there is a strength of fifteen, the IV, Form will be opened and the school will be raised to a Girls High School?

President.—Was an assurance given?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Yes, I believe so.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—I am not aware of any definite assurance. Even then, when the budget is framed, there will be always provision, funds being available.

President.—Apart from the question and answer, I want to know whether it will be an accomplished fact?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—That rests with the Government entirely.

President.—It depends upon the emphatic recommendation of the Director also.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—That has already been done.

The Vadakkancheri-Enkakad road.

134. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether a road was sanctioned to pass through the Enkakad Desom starting from 11/7 of the Trichur-Shoranur road;

(b) whether the Assistant Engineer submitted his estimate and plan for the same;

(c) whether lands have been acquired for the purpose and if not, why;

(d) is the amount sanctioned for this road in the 1105 budget to lapse;

(e) when did the Assistant Engineer submit his estimate and what has been done with it up till now?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) An estimate for the work has been received.

(b) Yes.

(c) No. The question of the alignment of the road was a matter of dispute for a long time. Steps are now being taken for land acquisition.

(d) Part of the amount is likely to lapse.

(e) The Assistant Engineer submitted details for preparing the estimate on 11th April 1930. The estimate as well as the land plans are pending the orders of the Government.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—With regard to the lapsing of the amount, (d) 'part of the amount is likely to lapse', may I know how much will lapse and how much will be spent for that?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—When the land acquisition is complete, there will be no lapse. If it is not completed, the amount might lapse.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—With regard to (e), the estimate as well as the plans are ready. With reference to the answer just now given, may I know if the land acquisition proceedings could be completed before the end of this year so that the amount may not lapse?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—We have only two or three more. I do not think it is reasonable to expect that land acquisition proceedings will be completed this year.

Agricultural loans.

135. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the number of agricultural loans granted, if any, of over Rs. 1,000 each after the Diwan Peishkar's statement in the Council that he has fixed the maximum at Rs. 1,000 each;

(2) the names of grantees of such loans, if any were granted;

(3) what was the reason for granting amounts over the maximum fixed;

(4) was the change of policy notified for the information of those who were refused loans at the outset on the score of the maximum being fixed at Rs. 1,000?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—(1) and (2). No loan exceeding Rs. 1,000 in each case was granted in 1904. Regarding loans of this year, a list of the applications granted etc., is placed on the Council table.

(3) A section of the public as well as some of the Members of the Legislative Council expressed their desire that the maximum should be raised.

(4) During preliminary public enquiries at several stations in the beginning of the year held by the Diwan Peishkar clear intimation was given to the applicants as well as others who were present that the maximum of loans has been raised.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—With reference to the answer to sub-division (3), is it a fact that the Diwan Peishkar recommended the fixing the maximum of Rs. 1,000 by changing the rules and that suggestion was negatived by the higher authorities?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—At first I recommended the